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Major League Foster Care Appreciation

Waukesha, WIS. – The Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services held an appreciation event for foster parents and children at Miller Park on Tuesday, August 22 in the evening.

The event, called “Take Me Out To The Ballgame”, provided foster parents and the children under their care with an opportunity to relax All-American style and watch the Milwaukee Brewers take on the Colorado Rockies. While there, they were also treated to a tailgate party.

“Foster parents are truly special people that help fill a critical need in our community by providing the guidance, mentoring and love that children need while we try to repair family structures so that they can be reunited with their parents,” said County Executive Dan Vrakas. “This event gave us an opportunity to thank them for the important work that they do.”

The Brewers Charities, the charitable arm of the Milwaukee Brewers, generously donated all the tickets for the event, and Jack Safo Motorcars made a significant cash donation to cover other expenses associated with this fun night.

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Lynn Sprangers, president of Brewers Charities, said, “Brewers Charities is delighted to include foster families from Waukesha County in our Brewers Buddies program, our complimentary ticket program for non-profit community groups and other worthy organizations. In 2006, this program, which is made possible by our generous season ticket holders and sponsors, has already given more than 35,000 people in our state an opportunity to experience a Major League Baseball game and what could be a better or more wholesome activity for families to spend a day at the ballpark.”

“Jack Safro Motorcars has a long history of serving customers at its Waukesha County dealerships,” said Jim Tessmer, vice president of the organization. “We remain committed to this area and find it important to give back to our community in ways that make a real difference. Our company sincerely hopes that the foster parents and children had a wonderful time connecting at the game.”

Foster care provides children with a temporary home and family when their parents are unable to meet their needs and keep them safe. It gives these children a stable, safe and nurturing environment while their birth parents work on improving their situations so that their families can be reunited.

“This event was a great way to support foster kids and their families! The Brewers Charities, Jack Safro Motorcars and the county teamed-up and graciously provided foster families with a fun-filled day at the ballpark,” said foster parent Judy David. “One of the best decisions that my husband, Mike, and I made was to become foster parents. I encourage any adult with a stable family environment and the love of children to consider becoming a foster parent.”

Currently, Waukesha County has 110 foster families and is always looking for more committed people to help out in this capacity. If you are interested or would like more information about it, please call the Foster Care Program at (262) 548-7212 or visit the Department of Health & Human Services on-line through the county’s website at www.waukeshacounty.gov.

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